appeared in the Hindustan Times of 30th June, 1991. about the shabby treatment meted out to Israeli tourists who having been kidnapped by militants in Kashmir secured their own release, and the lack of diplomatic initiative against Pak-backed militants; and

(b) if so, whether Government have probed into the matter specially into the conduct and behaviour of the concerned authorities with the Israeli tourists and the diplomatic measures taken and if so, with what results?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. the report in the Hindustan Times had come to the notice of the Government. The Israelii tourists who returned to Delhi from Srinagar on 28th June 1991 were appreciative of the assistance rendered to them. So the question of probe into conduct and behaviour of concerned officials does not arise.

The Government of India have taken suitable steps to apprise the international community about involvement of Pakistan in terrorist activities in Punjab and J&K. As a result, there is increasing recognition of it among many countires.

Filming of the "Price of Power"

@565. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the filming of a TV film "The Price of Power" which was scheduled to be shown on British TV on 2nd April, 1991 and was filmed in Rajasthan showing the radiation at Kota Nuclear Plant and its after effects in the surrounding villages;

(b) if so, whether its filming had the permission of Government; and

(c) if not, what is the reaction of Government in this regard?

@ Previously Unstarred Question 346, Transferred from 18-7-91.

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOL ANK1): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The High Commission of India, London, conveyed Government of India's strong reservations about the film to Channel-4 and requested it not to telecast/the film. Channel-4 offered instead a 'Right of Reply.'

Deptt, of Atomic Energy has intimated that it will be exercising the 'Right of Reply'. A film is being produced by it in reply to the issues raised in the Channel-4 film. The film when complete will be sent to Channel-4 for telecasting.

Development of Telecommunication facilities in Tamil Nadu

566. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of plans for the development of telecommunication facilities in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) the number of new telephone exchanges proposed to be opened in the State by the end of 1991-92?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRl P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The Development plan for Tamilnadu for 1991-92 envisage provision of a gross addition of 63,400 lines which will partly be utilised for replacement of life expired exchange equipment. 23.500 net additional telephone connections will be provided in Tamilnadu during 1991-192, including 1.500 local and STD public telephones. Additionally, 6 electronic telex exchanges, 2 electronic trunk automatic exchanges and 15 STD stations are also proposed to be added during the current year.

(b) There is no proposal for installation of a new telephone exchange but 223 new electronic exchanges of various sizes and 2 new cross-bar exchanges are proposed for installation for replacement of existing electro-mechanical and